3W - Conny, DL1DA will be vacationing in Vietnam between 25 February and 15 March. He hopes to be active (on 10-40 metres CW) as 3W9KCS. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

9K - Members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society (KARS) will be active as 9K2NLD to celebrate Kuwait's National Liberation Day (25-26 February). The special event call will be used from 00.00 UTC on 23 February through 23.59 UTC on the 28th. QSL via KARS (Kuwait Amateur Radio Society, P.O. Box 5240, Safat 13053, Kuwait). [TNX 9K2HN]

9Q - 9Q1A went QRT on 21 February at 22.30 UTC, after some 8500 QSOs. Patrick, F6BLQ/9Q1A (http://f6blq.multimania.com) reports that the 9Q licences are expected to be renewed for another 30 days as from 24 February. However Patrick will be out of the country for ten days starting on 23 February and then for five weeks as from 15 March, so the only "possible traffic window" should be 5-14 March. As far as 9Q0AR/6 is concerned, "do not expect activity at short notice", Patrick says. [TNX F6BLQ/9Q1A]

CE - Southern Cross DX Group members CE4USW, XQ1IDM, CE4PBB and XQ1ZW (ex XQ3ZW) will be active as XR2D from Damas Island (SA-086) on 23-25 February. They plan to operate CW and SSB (possibly RTTY as well) with two stations on 10-160 metres (including 30m, for which they have been granted a special permission by the licencing authority) plus 2m and 70cm. Damas is part of a national reserve and the team is not allowed to install beams or towers on the island; they will use two multiband vertical antennas and a couple of half-wave dipoles for the low bands. QSL via CE4USW either direct (P.O. Box 128, Talca, Chile) or through the bureau. The web page for the operation is at http://www.qsl.net/xr2d (logs will be posted after the operation). [TNX CE4USW]

CO - Don Fisher, VE3ESE and the operators from the University of Oriente ARC will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest possibly as T48RAC. QSL via VE3ESE. [TNX VE3NQK]

CX - A group of operators from the Centro Radio Aficionados Montevideo (CRAM) and the Puerto Sauce DX group are active as CV1F from San
Gabriel Island (SA-057) until 24 February. QSL via EA5KB. [TNX CX1ISI and CX8FB]

**DU**
- Dan, DU8ARK will be visiting Tawi Tawi (OC-174) during the weekend and hopes to be QRV on 15 metres SSB. QSL via I2YDX (Giuseppe de Gasperin, Via Trento 1, 21020 Brebbia – VA, Italy). [TNX I2YDX]

**DU**
- Oleg, UT2VU will be active as UT2VU/DU7 from Cebu Island (OC-129) from late February through the end of March. QSL via UR7VA either direct (P.O. Box 23, Kirovograd, 25009, Ukraine) or through the bureau. UR7VA has started sending out the cards for UT2VU/DU7's April 2001 activity. [TNX UX2VZ]

**ET**
- Paul, W4PFM will stationed in Ethiopia for six months and is active as ET3PMW. QSL via W7KEU.

**F**
- Luc, F6OYU will be active (on 10, 15 and 20 metres) as either TM1Z or F6OYU/P from very rare Department 43 during this weekends' REF Contest. [TNX K4JEZ]

**FO**
- Alain, F2HE (ex-FO0CLA) went back to French Polynesia a few days ago and is expected to operate as either FO/F2HE or FO5RH from Rangirora (OC-066). [TNX La Gazette du DX]

**KG4**
- Vance, N5VL reports he will be active as KG4VL from Guantanamo Bay on 1-6 March, including an entry in the ARRL International DX Contest. He hopes to operate on 160 metres CW and SSB. QSL via N5VL.

**KP2**
- Tony, N2TK will be active on 10-160 metres as N2TK/NP2 from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands (NA-106) between 27 February and 7 March. QSL via home call. He will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as WP2Z (QSL via KU9C). [TNX The Daily DX]

**KP2**
- Look for Bruce, KP2/AA4Z to operate from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands from 24 February through 3 March. [TNX The Daily DX]

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**P4**
- John, KK9A will be active as P40A from Aruba (SA-036) from 23 February 23 to 9 March. He will operate on 160-10 metres CW and SSB, and will be active in the CQ 160-Meter Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX ARRL DX Bulletin]

**P5**
- Hrane/YT1AD confirms that he has "a licence" and that he and Voja/YU7AV will be visiting North Korea in March [425DXN 556]. They will arrive on 5 March around 16 local time. "If" they operate, he says, the QSL manager will be YU7AV. [TNX YT1AD]

**PJ4**
- NO2R, K2TW and K2NG will be on Bonaire (SA-006) from 26 February and 5 March. They will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as PJ4G (Multi-Single). [TNX The Daily DX]

**PYO_ti**
- The PW0T team started operations from Trindade (SA-010, World Lighthouse Award LH-2851) around 21 UTC on 18 February. There are five stations on the air - one on 6 metres, one on RTTY (later on it will be used for SSTV as well), two on the HF bands and one on
160/80 metres at night and HF during the day.
Logs are available at http://www.trindade2002.com/, but about ten percent are not there (due to a computer failure, missing QSOs are on paper and will enter into the computer on the return trip to the mainland). If you think you should be in the log and are not, send and e-mail with the details to Rod, WC7N (wc7n@gb.wave.net). [TNX WC7N]

R1_ant - Mike Fokin, RW1AI has started being active as RW1AI/ANT from Vostok Base (AN-016, WABA UA-010). QSL via home call. Alan (UA1PAC) and Mike plan to participate in the upcoming ARRL Contest using the club call R1ANC (QSL via DL5EBE). [TNX DL5EBE]

SM - SM7DAY, SM7NGH and others will be active from Ven Island (EU-137) on 1-3 March. QSL via home calls (QSL SK7DX via SM7DXQ) either direct or through the bureau. [TNX SM7NGH]

T8 - Look for Bill, T88BA to be active (barefoot with a dipole, CW only) from Sonsorol, Merir and Pulo Anna for a few days starting on 4 March. The islands are part of the South Palau group (OC-248/Pr), recently activated by T88SI. His address is Rev. William Burton, P.O. Box 10225, Koror, Palau, PW 96940, USA. [TNX IZ1CRR]

TI9 - The TI9M team arrived at Chatham Bay, Cocos Island on 19 February in the morning and became active in the early UTC hours of 20 February and logged the first 1000 QSOs on 30 and 40 metres CW running 50 watts on battery power. They experienced some difficulty in finding suitable operating locations; due to the very small beach area now available, two stations have been located up on a steep hill (a "logistical nightmare", quoting N4CD). They now have five HF stations + 6 metres from two locations. On 22 February TI9M had logged about 15000 QSOs (1800 on RTTY). The web site for the DXpedition is at http://www.qsl.net/ti9m/

TT - Chris, TT8DX will be going back to Chad on 27 February and will stay there until December. He plans to concentrate on the low bands and 6 metres. QSL via F5OGL. [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - Look for Christian, VE7/F5IDM to be active (on 10, 15 and 20 metres) from Cape Mudge Lighthouse (CAN-100) on Quadra Island (NA-091) on 24 February. His web site is at http://www.cfht.hawaii.edu/~veillet/ [TNX Islands On The Web]

VK - Look for Nico, VK3FEI/p to be active from French Island (OC-136) until 26 February. He usually operates CW on +/- 14025, 21025 and 28025 kHz, with some SSB on or near the IOTA frequencies if conditions permit. This will be Nico's last activity from Australia, as he will back home at the end of the month. QSL via PA0MIR. [TNX VK3FEI]

VK - Members of the Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club will activate special event station VI3GP between 1 UTC on 26 February 26th and 23.59 UTC on 15 March to celebrate the running of the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix in Melbourne. QSL direct to VK3ER (P.O. Box 87, Mitcham, Victoria 3132, Australia) or via the bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

VP8 & ZD8 - Mark, DL1SDN plans to be active as VP8CSA from the Falkland Islands (SA-002) between 24 February and 16 March and as ZD8CSA from Ascension Island (AF-003) on 16-26 March. He will operate in
his free time and will try to be QRV on 6 metres. QSL via DL1SDN. [TNX OZ6OM]

VQ9 - Mel, W3MR will be on Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos Islands between 25 February and 7 March. He will be active as either VQ9MR (QSL via W3MR) or VQ9X, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. [TNX The Daily DX]

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DXCC NEWS ---> 9Q0AR (Democratic Republic of Congo) has been on hold awaiting supporting documentation. This has been received and upon review it is now being accepted for DXCC credit. Anyone who had this rejected during a recent submission can contact DXCC at dxcc@arrl.org for an update to their record. Or, it can be sent with the next submission for credit. [TNX Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager]

GU CALLBOOK ---> Phil, GU0SUP (President of the Guernsey ARS) reports there is an updated callbook listing for all known GU/MU calls. The list includes known operations by visitors, and as much QSL info as possible. The URL is www.gars.org.gg/calls.html

IOTA OPERATIONS PLANS ---> Linda/VE9GLF and Len Morgan/VE9MY are planning their vacations & island expeditions this summer and autumn and are interested in knowing the local IOTA groups you would like them to go and operate from. A list of their previous operations is at http://ve9my.weblink.nbtel.net; you can send your suggestions to either ve9my@rac.ca or ve9glf@nbnet.nb.ca

PIRATE ---> Massimo Cosentino, IZ0BXZ (ARI Roma HF Manager) reports that the station HV2CO (QSL via I0XXR) is most likely to be a pirate. Giancarlo, I0XXR does not know anything at all about it.

QSL 5A1A ---> Abubaker has been in Germany since December [425DXN 563]. Those who need a 5A1A card should send their requests (direct only) to A. Assid, Max Strasse 58, Bonn 53111, Germany. [TNX The Daily DX]

QSL BI5P ---> Please note that W3HC was the QSL manager for the first BI5P (Pingtan Island, AS-138) operation back in 1998. The QSL manager for the most recent operation is BD5RI.

QSL D68C ---> Phil, G3SWH reports that around 85% of the direct requests for D68C QSLs have now been processed and that around 42,500 QSOs have been confirmed to date. [TNX G3XTT]

QSL G4Vxxx ---> Bob, G0VFV is the RSGB Bureau manager for all G4V callsigns. He has received 300+ QSLs for members who do not have any envelopes
lodged with him, so he will not forward any incoming cards to them. The callsigns concerned are:

- G4VMH
- G4VPC
- G4VSZ
- G4VUU
- G4VXU
- G4VMU
- W6/G4VPM
- G4VTS
- G4VUX
- G4VZL
- G4VMV
- G4VSQ
- G4VTT
- SV/G4VWK
- G4VZT

"If you work any of these callsigns and need a QSL card", Bob says, "do not QSL via the bureau".

QSL Z36W ---> Venco, Z36W (ex Z31JA, Z32JA, 4N5JA) reports that his QSL manager (Mike, NN6C) has been hospitalized since mid-December and is currently unable to reply to QSL requests. Those who want a QSL card can use Venco's qrz.com address.

QSL ZD7VC ---> The Daily DX reports that Bruce "will soon start handling his own QSL chores, after many years of assistance by K1WY and ON4CAT". Cards should be sent to Bruce Salt, P.O. Box 58, Half Tree Hollow, St Helena Island, South Atlantic Ocean.

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> John Pate, KB4UTV would like to become a QSL manager and says to be "eager to serve the DX community with my help". If anyone is interested, please contact him at lighthousedx@hotmail.com

VP8THU & VP8GEO ---> The DXpedition to South Sandwich & South Georgia made 70,428 QSOs in total using SSB, CW and RTTY. A few data provided by James, 9V1YC:

**VP8THU** - Location: Hewison Point Peninsula on Southern Thule Island, South Sandwich
On-air time: 80 hours
Equipment: four barefoot stations, single element vertical dipoles for each band 10-20m, 1/4 wave verticals with two elevated radials for 30 and 40m, no 80 or 160m operation.

**VP8GEO** - Location: Husvik Bay, South Georgia
On-air time: 7 days and 10 hours
Equipment: six stations, same antennas used at VP8THU, one amplifier (400w) for 80 and 160m only.

"For us it was an experiment in low-power lightweight DXpeditioning from environmentally tough location, and to see if 'mega-expedition' results could be achieved with 'micro-light' equipment", James says. "Over 70,000 QSO's with all parts of the planet (and to all levels of stations) prove that its good operators on both sides of a pileup - not fancy equipment - that really count". The DXpedition has neither a website nor on-line log check.

WHERE DO YOU WANT THEM TO GO NEXT? ---> The Five Star DXers Association (9M0C and D68C) is looking to mount its next operation in late-2003 or early 2004. "We are not planning to head for Peter 1 or Bouvet," Don/G3XTT says, "but the sort of DX entity where you may have a 20m QSO, but are finding those low band, WARC or data slots hard to fill. To this end, we would be interested in your 9-band, 3-mode 'wanted' lists, so we can gain some idea of which these entities might be. Being mainly a European group our preference would be for an African location for reasons of cost, propagation and travel time." Please e-mail your needs to g3xtt@lineone.net
BDXN: Daniel, PT7BI reports that the web page for the Brazil DX Net is at http://intermega.com.br/brasildxnet

LOGS: The XR5SM (SA-070) DXpeditions' logs (January and February) are both on-line at http://www.qsl.net/xr5sm, as well as the ARRL DX CW Contest log. Cards are expected from the printer in a couple of weeks. [TNX CE4USW]

LOGS: The logs for YA5T are available at http://www.ve9dx.com/ya5t/ya5t.html if you do not find your call associated with a band or mode you were expecting, you can contact Steve, KU9C (ku9cqslmanager@ku9c.com). [TNX KU9C]

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